

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

MARIA SUAREZ,

Plaintiff,

v.

SOUTHERN GLAZER'S WINE AND SPIRITS OF
NEW YORK, LLC,

Defendant.

Case No. 2:19-cv-07271-GRB-SIL

CONFIDENTIALITY STIPULATION

To expedite the flow of discovery material and facilitate the prompt resolution of disputes over confidentiality, the parties hereby stipulate that the following provisions shall govern claims of confidentiality in this case:

(a) The following documents and information may be designated as "confidential," provided such documents are not public and have not previously been disclosed by the producing party to anyone except those in its employment or those retained by it: (1) commercial data such as research, development, manufacturing, or commercial or business information, trade secrets, special formulas, company security matters, customer lists, financial data, projected sales data, production data, matters relating to mergers and acquisitions, and pricing data; (2) personal data such as personal identifiers, financial information, tax records, and employer personnel records; (3) medical and legal records such as medical files and reports; and (4) non-public criminal history.

(b) If any party believes a document not described in the above paragraph should nevertheless be considered confidential, it may make application to the Court. Such application shall only be granted for good cause shown.

(c) An attorney for the producing party may designate documents or parts thereof as confidential by stamping the word "confidential" on each page.

If such information is provided in an answer to an interrogatory, the attorney may separately append the information to the main body of the interrogatory responses, mark such appendices "confidential," and incorporate by reference the appended material into the responses.

At the time of a deposition or within 10 days after receipt of the deposition transcript, a party may designate as confidential specific portions of the transcript which contain confidential matters under the standards set forth in paragraph (a) above. This designation shall be in writing and served upon all counsel. No objection shall be interposed at deposition that an answer would elicit confidential information. Transcripts will be treated as confidential for this 10-day period. Any portions of a transcript designated confidential shall thereafter be treated as confidential. The

confidential portion of the transcript and any exhibits referenced solely therein shall be bound in a separate volume and marked “Confidential Information” by the reporter.

(d) Documents designated “confidential” shall be shown only to the attorneys, parties, experts, actual or proposed witnesses, court personnel and other persons necessary to review the documents for the prosecution or defense of this lawsuit. Each person who is permitted to see confidential documents shall be advised of the obligation to honor the confidential designation. Each person who is permitted to see confidential documents, who is not a party or an attorney for a party, shall be required to sign an agreement to be bound by this stipulation, attached hereto as Exhibit A. The parties agree that any confidential discovery shall only be used in connection with this litigation.

(e) Review of the confidential documents and information by counsel, experts, or consultants for the litigants in the litigation shall not waive the confidentiality of the documents or objections to production.

(f) The inadvertent, unintentional, or *in camera* disclosure of a confidential document and information shall not generally be deemed a waiver, in whole or in part, of any party’s claims of confidentiality. If at any time prior to trial, a producing party realizes that some portion(s) of the discovery material that the party produced should be designated as “confidential,” the party may so designate by apprising all parties in writing, and providing that the material had not already been published or otherwise disclosed, such portion(s) shall thereafter be treated as confidential.

(g) If a party believes that a document designated or sought to be designated confidential by the producing party does not warrant such designation, the party shall first make a good-faith effort to resolve such a dispute with opposing counsel. In the event that such a dispute cannot be resolved by the parties, either party may apply to the Court for a determination as to whether the designation is appropriate. The burden rests on the party seeking confidentiality to demonstrate that such designation is proper.

(h) The parties shall comply with the Eastern District of New York’s Steps for E-Filing Sealed Documents in Civil Cases if they wish to move to file a document under seal. All applications to file documents under seal must be filed pursuant to Administrative Order 2004-05.

(i) Within a reasonable period after the conclusion of the litigation, all confidential material shall be returned to the respective producing parties or destroyed by the recipients.

(j) The Court shall retain jurisdiction over all persons subject to this stipulation to the extent necessary to enforce any obligations arising hereunder.

SO STIPULATED:

/s/

Counsel for Plaintiff Maria Suarez
Steven John Moser
Moser Law Firm, PC
3 School Street, Suite 207B
Glen Cove, New York 11542

/s/

Counsel for Defendant Southern Glazer's Wine and Spirits of New York, LLC
Anjanette Cabrera
Stephen Stecker
Constangy, Brooks, Smith & Prophete, LLP
620 Eighth Avenue, 38th Floor
New York, New York 10018

IT IS SO ORDERED, this the 13th day of May, 2021.

/s/ Steven I. Locke

STEVEN I. LOCKE
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

EXHIBIT A

I have been informed by counsel that certain documents or information to be disclosed to me in connection with the matter entitled, *Maria Suarez v. Southern Glazer's Wine and Spirits of New York, LLC*, Case No. 2:19-cv-07271-GRB-SIL (E.D.N.Y. 2019), have been designated as confidential. I have been informed that any such documents or information labeled "confidential" are confidential by stipulation of the parties.

I hereby agree that I will not disclose any information contained in such documents to any other person. I further agree not to use any such information for any purpose other than this litigation.

(Signature)

Dated:

Signed in the presence of:

(Attorney)